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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
BOUGUELERET ET AL.
APPLICATION NO: 10/521,005
FILED: August 10, 2005
FOR: SECRETED PEPTIDES

MS: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 31, 2007, Applicants elect the claims of Group 1, claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8, drawn to an isolated polypeptide and a method of making a peptide. This election is made without traverse.

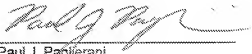
A Petition for Four Months' Extension of Time is submitted herewith, which makes this response timely. However, if it is deemed that additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis for any fees due.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of any non-elected claim groups in one or more divisional applications.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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